

Commemorative Issues - Nine sets issued in 1966.

1966/01 Burns Commemoration, issued 25th January 1966.

Robert Burns (1759-1796), commonly held as Scotland's favourite son, was born of humble stock in Alloway, Ayrshire. As well as working as a Farm Labourer and later a Farmer himself, he also trained to be an Exciseman, eventually giving up his farm in 1791.

'Robbie' Burns is probably best known for his poetry, for example his poem '*Tae a Moose*', written in 1785, which starts '*Wee, sleekit, cow'rin, tim'rous beastie*'. He also collected folk songs and wrote compositions himself, to which '*Auld Lang Syne*', traditionally sung on the last day of the year (known in Scotland as Hogmanay), is lasting testimony.

The set of two stamps was designed by **Gordon F Huntly** (born 1923 in Glasgow).

Quantities sold - combined ordinary and phosphor figures are shown above each stamp. The set was withdrawn on 29th July 1966, although it was later put back on sale again for a short time (in error) at the Philatelic Counter in London, and the Philatelic Bureau in Edinburgh.

4d - 86,643,696



16 dies

1/3d - 6,911,256



4 dies



The following table lists the number of *all known G.B. Perfin dies* found on the *Burns Commemorative issue*, and is correct to **1st January 2019**.

| | PS Cat No | Letters | 4d SG685 | 1/3d SG686 |
|--------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------|------------|
| 19 DD | << Totals >> | 20 DDF | 16 | 4 |
| 1 | B2320.01M | B.E. | 4d | |
| 2 | C1250.02M | CC/C | 4d | |
| 3 | C3930.01 | C&/J.H. | 4d | |
| 4 | C6900.01M | CS/C ^o | 4d | |
| 5 | D0580.01 | D.C. | 4d | |
| 6 | D2730.01M | D.L. | 4d | |
| 7 | E4960.02M | EW | 4d | |
| 8 | H3110.05a | HH | 4d | |
| 9 | H4400.02M | H/L | 4d | 1/3d |
| 10 | I1510.01M | IL | 4d | |
| 11 | J0650.03aM | JB/&Co. | | 1/3d |
| 12 | J2270.03M | JDW/M | 4d | |
| 13 | K0011.02M | K | | 1/3d |
| 14 | L4000.01fM | L&M/L ^d | 4d | |
| 15 | M6030.01M | MW/C ^o . | | 1/3d |
| 16 | P0410.03 | PB | 4d | |
| 17 | T1880.01 | TG/C ^o | 4d | |
| 18 | W3450.02M | W/H | 4d | |
| 19 | W6780.01M | WS/CC | 4d | |

1966/02 900th Anniversary of Westminster Abbey, issued 28th February 1966.

Westminster Abbey, or to give it its official title ‘the Collegiate Church of St Peter’, is used as the setting for the coronation of English and Great British monarchs, as well as a final resting place for England’s great and good. Tradition has it that a church was founded on the site in the early 7th century, but the church we see today was only begun in 1245 on the orders of King Henry III. The earlier church, however, was used in 1066 for the coronation of Harold Godwinson and, after the Battle of Hastings, William the Conqueror. The stamp issue would seem to be commemorating this event rather than the founding of the Abbey.

The set of two stamps was designed by:

- **Shelia Robinson** (3d - Westminster Abbey).
- **Bradbury, Wilkinson** (2/6d - Fan vaulting, Henry VII Chapel), who also recess-printed the stamp.

Quantities sold - combined ordinary and phosphor figures for the 3d are shown above the stamp. The 2/6d, which never appeared with phosphor bands, was sold out in April 1966. The 3d was withdrawn from sale on 31st August 1966, but was later put back on sale again for a short time (in error) at the Philatelic Counter in London, and the Philatelic Bureau in Edinburgh.

4d - 53,951,146



10 dies

2/6d - 2,819,056



7 dies

The following table lists the number of *all known G.B. Perfin dies* found on the *900th Anniversary of Westminster Abbey issue*, and is correct to **1st January 2019**.

| | PS Cat No | Letters | 3d SG687 | 2/6d SG688 |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|-----------|------------|
| 17 DD | << Totals >> | 17 DDF | 10 | 7 |
| 1 | A5800.02M | AWG | | 2/6d |
| 2 | B3300.01 | BH/C | 3d | |
| 3 | B5820.01 | BP/M | 3d | |
| 4 | B7060.02M | B.T | 3d | |
| 5 | C0530.01M | C.B/B | | 2/6d |
| 6 | C8530.01a | C\W\S | | 2/6d |
| 7 | E4110.03M | ES | | 2/6d |
| 8 | E5110.01M | E.W.W | 3d | |
| 9 | H0012.11 | H | 3d | |
| 10 | I1510.01M | IL | | 2/6d |
| 11 | K1560.02M | K.S | 3d | |
| 12 | M0011.02M | M | 3d | |
| 13 | O1460.01M | O.O./L | | 2/6d |
| 14 | S1220.01 | S.C | 3d | |
| 15 | S2630.01 | SEP./S | 3d | |
| 16 | T5110.02 | TWL | | 2/6d |
| 17 | W8230.01M | W.W./&S. | 3d | |

1966/03 Landscapes, issued 2nd May 1966.

British Landscapes - England (Hassocks, Sussex), Northern Ireland (County Antrim), Wales (Harlech Castle), and Scotland (Cairngorms).

The set of four stamps was designed by **Leonard Rosomon** (1913-2012), using a portrait of the Queen adapted by David Gentleman from coinage originally designed by Mrs Mary Gillick.

Quantities sold - combined ordinary and phosphor figures are shown above each stamp. The 6d phosphor was sold out in January 1967, and the rest withdrawn from sale on 1st May 1967.

4d - 91,610,160



10 dies

1/3d - 6,428,720



5 dies

6d - 13,991,040



9 dies

1/6d - 6,666,840



2 die

The following table lists the number of *all known G.B. Perfin dies* found on the *British Landscapes issue*, and is correct to **1st January 2019**.

| | PS Cat No | Letters | 4d SG689 | 6d SG690 | 1/3d SG691 | 1/6d SG692 |
|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| 21 DD | << Totals >> | 26 DDF | 10 | 9 | 5 | 2 |
| 1 | A2080.02M | A/EI | | | 1/3d | |
| 2 | A4050.02 | AM/S | | | | |
| 3 | A5800.02M | AWG | 4d | | 1/3d | |
| 4 | B7820.02 | BWW | 4d | | | |
| 5 | C1340.01 | C.C/F.S | 4d | | | |
| 6 | C3660.01M | CIC ^{oLd} | 4d | 6d | | |
| 7 | C7140.01M | CS/L/SA | 4d | | | |
| 8 | D4140.01 | DR/C ^o . | | | 1/3d | |
| 9 | D4730.03aM | D&T | | | 1/3d | |
| 10 | F0220.05 | F.B | | 6d | | |
| 11 | H0012.11 | H | 4d | 6d | | 1/6d |
| 12 | I1510.01M | IL | | 6d | | 1/6d |
| 13 | J2270.03M | JDW/M | 4d | 6d | | |
| 14 | J6230.04M | JP/&S | | 6d | | |
| 15 | J7780.01M | J.T./&J.T. | | | 1/3d | |
| 16 | K0011.02M | K | | 6d | | |
| 17 | L2610.01 | L.G/&/SL ^d . | | 6d | | |
| 18 | P5170.01M | PW/M | 4d | | | |
| 19 | R3340.01 | RL/&S | | 6d | | |
| 20 | W3450.02aM | W/H | 4d | | | |
| 21 | W8230.01M | W.W./&S. | 4d | | | |

1966/04 World Cup Football Championship, issued 1st June 1966.

The final stages of the **1966 FIFA World Cup** (playing for the Jules Rimet Trophy) were held in England. Seventy nations took part in the qualifying rounds, leaving sixteen to play in the finals. The mascot for the 1966 tournament was called 'World Cup Willie', although he sported the Union Flag instead of England's Cross of St George.



The set of three stamps was designed by:

- **David Gentleman** (4d - Players with Ball)
- **W Kempster** (6d - Goalmouth Mêlée)
- **D Caplan** (1/3d - Goalkeeper saving Goal)

Quantities sold - combined ordinary and phosphor figures are shown above each stamp. The stamps were withdrawn from sale on 31st May 1967.

4d - 146,162,040

6d - 20,444,160



13 dies



24 dies

1/3d - 8,787,480



3 dies

The following table lists the number of *all known G.B. Perfin dies* found on the **World Cup 1966 issue**, and is correct to **1st January 2019**.

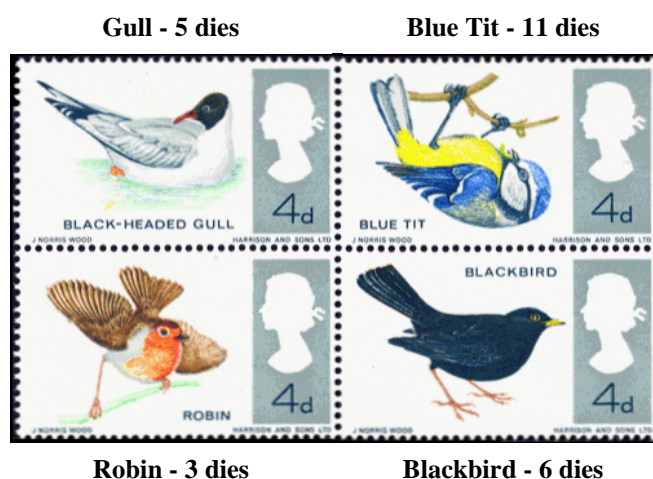
| World Cup 1966 | PS Cat No | Letters | 4d SG693 | 6d SG694 | 1/3d SG695 |
|----------------|--------------|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 33 DD | << Totals >> | 40 DDF | 24 | 13 | 3 |
| 1 | A2080.02M | A/EI | 4d | 6d | |
| 2 | B3300.01 | BH/C | 4d | | |
| 3 | B5060.01M | BN | 4d | | |
| 4 | B7060.02M | B.T | 4d | | |
| 5 | C0011.04M | C | 4d | | |
| 6 | C3660.01M | CIC ^o L ^d | 4d | | |
| 7 | C5520.01M | C/of/A | 4d | 6d | |
| 8 | D0580.01 | D.C. | | 6d | |
| 9 | D2730.01M | D.L. | | 6d | |
| 10 | E4960.02M | EW | 4d | | |
| 11 | F3600.01M | FR/Y | 4d | 6d | |
| 12 | H0012.11 | H | 4d | | |
| 13 | H0730.01 | H&B/L ^d | | 6d | |
| 14 | H2240.01m | HEAT | 4d | | |
| 15 | I0420.02M | ICI | 4d | | |
| 16 | J0190.02M | JAH | | 6d | |
| 17 | J0650.03aM | JB/&C ^o . | | 6d | |

| World Cup 1966 | PS Cat No | Letters | 4d SG693 | 6d SG694 | 1/3d SG695 |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| 33 DD | << Totals >> | 40 DDF | 24 | 13 | 3 |
| 18 | J6230.04M | JP/&S | | 6d | |
| 19 | J7160.01 | J/SMITH | 4d | | |
| 20 | J7780.01M | J.T./&J.T. | | | 1/3d |
| 21 | K0011.02M | K | 4d | 6d | 1/3d |
| 22 | K0440.01 | KCS | 4d | | |
| 23 | L2610.01 | L.G./&SL ^d . | 4d | | |
| 24 | M5860.01M | M.V/C ^o . | 4d | 6d | |
| 25 | P0420.01 | P.B | 4d | | |
| 26 | P2350.01M | P.H/C ^o . | | | 1/3d |
| 27 | R0475.04 | R.B/&C ^o . | 4d | | |
| 28 | R4830.04M | R&S/L ^d | 4d | | |
| 29 | T1880.01 | TG/C ^o | 4d | | |
| 30 | T3455.01 | T.N./L ^{td} .. | 4d | 6d | |
| 31 | T4970.01 | T.W./C. | | 6d | |
| 32 | W4980.03M | WL ^d | 4d | | |
| 33 | W8230.01M | W.W./&S. | 4d | | |
| | | | | | |

1966/05 British Birds, issued 8th August 1966.

The se-tenant set of four stamps was designed by **John Norris Wood** (born 1920). The set is noteworthy in that it was the first British stamps to be printed in eight colours.

Quantities sold - combined ordinary and phosphor figures 102,660,862 for all four stamps. The stamps were withdrawn from sale on 7th October 1967.



The following table lists the number of *all known G.B. Perfin dies* found on the *British Birds issue*, and is correct to **1st January 2019**.

| | PS Cat No | Letters | SG696 4d Gull | SG697 4d Blue Tit | SG698 4d Robin | SG699 4d Blackbird |
|--------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 19 DD | << Totals >> | 25 DDF | 5 | 11 | 3 | 6 |
| 1 | A5800.02M | AWG | | | | 4d |
| 2 | B1150.01 | B.C. | | 4d | | |
| 3 | C5520.01M | C/of/A | | 4d | | |
| 4 | B3300.01 | BH/C | | 4d | | |
| 5 | E0510.02M | EC | | 4d | | |
| 6 | E4960.02M | EW | | 4d | 4d | |
| 7 | H0012.11 | H | | 4d | | |
| 8 | J2270.03M | JDW/M | | 4d | | 4d |
| 9 | J3190.01 | J.G.N | | | | 4d |
| 10 | J6970.03c | JS/&C ^o | 4d | | | |
| 11 | L2610.01 | L.G/&/SL ^d | 4d | | 4d | |
| 12 | M3630.02 | M&L | 4d | | | |
| 13 | O1410.01 | OO | | 4d | | |
| 14 | P5170.01M | PW/M | 4d | 4d | | 4d |
| 15 | S6490.01M | S.S/C | | 4d | 4d | |
| 16 | T5220.01 | TWW | 4d | | | |
| 17 | W0014.08M | W | | | | 4d |
| 18 | W1150.01 | WC/C ^o L ^d | | 4d | | |
| 19 | W4980.03M | WL ^d | | | | 4d |

1966/06 England's World Cup Football Victory, issued 18th August 1966.

England won the **1966 FIFA World Cup** by famously beating West Germany **4-2** at Wembley Stadium after extra time on 30th July 1966.



The 4d value from the World Cup set, designed by *David Gentleman*, was modified to include at the top of the stamp the words

ENGLAND WINNERS

Quantities sold - 12,452,640 were printed on ordinary paper only, and sold out soon after issue.

4d - 12,452,640



5 dies

The following table lists the number of *all known G.B. Perfin dies* found on the '*England Winners*' issue, and is correct to **1st January 2019**.

| | PS Cat No | Letters | 4d SG700 |
|-------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|
| 5 DD | << Totals >> | 5 DDF | 5 |
| 1 | D0580.01 | D.C. | 4d |
| 2 | D4080.04M | DR/C | 4d |
| 3 | F3600.01M | FR/Y | 4d |
| 4 | H4860.02a | HM | 4d |
| 5 | H7250.01M | H.T./S. | 4d |

Of the *four* Perfin dies known on the issue, only "FR/Y" (F3600.01M) is also known on the original stamp - what an interesting pairing that would be to see.

1966/07 British Technology, issued 19th September 1966.

The issue celebrates significant British technological achievements.

- **Jodrell Bank Radio Telescope**

The site was first used for academic purposes in 1939, and extended in 1952. It is home to a number of astronomical telescopes, the largest of which is the 'Mark I' (Lovell) telescope featured on the 6d stamp, and completed in 1957. Of interest is the re-use of part of the gun turret mechanisms from the battleships HMS Revenge and HMS Royal Sovereign in the motor system for the telescope.

- **British Motor Cars - BMC Mini & E-Type Jaguar.**

The BMC Mini, designed by Alec Issigonis (1906-1988), came about as a direct consequence of a fuel shortage resulting from the Suez crisis in 1957. The first 'Minis' came off the production line in 1959.

The Jaguar E-Type is an iconic sports car, manufactured by Jaguar Cars Ltd between 1961 and 1975. When first shown to the public, Enzo Ferrari declared that it was 'the most beautiful car ever made'!

- **Hovercraft SR.N6**

Built by the Saunders-Roe company of flying boat fame, it first entered service in Norway in June 1965. The craft underwent a number of modifications and enlargements, and was eventually capable of carrying 58 passengers. It also saw military use. The last SR.N6 in active service was decommissioned in 1998 by the Canadian Coast Guard.

- **Nuclear Power - Windscale Reactor**

Completed in October 1950, Britain's first nuclear reactor was built near Sellafield in Cumberland (now Cumbria). Originally built as a top secret military site called Windscale, it enabled Britain to join the nuclear arms race. By 1952 enough plutonium had been produced to make an atomic bomb.

The set of four stamps was designed by:

- **D & A Gillespie** (4d - Jodrell Bank Radio Telescope, and 6d - British Motor-cars).
- **J A Restall** (1/3d - SRN6 Hovercraft, and 1/6d - Windscale Nuclear Reactor).

Quantities sold - combined ordinary and phosphor figures are shown above each stamp. The stamps were withdrawn from sale on 18th September 1967.

The four stamps are illustrated on the next page!

4d - 91,849,798



13 dies

6d - 13,476,236



8 dies

1/3d - 6,630,900



2 dies

1/6d - 6,698,389



0 dies

The following table lists the number of *all known G.B. Perfin dies* found on the *British Technology issue*, and is correct to *1st January 2019*.

| | PS Cat No | Letters | 4d SG701 | 6d SG702 | 1/3d SG703 | 1/6d SG704 |
|--------------|--------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| 20 DD | << Totals >> | 23 DDF | 13 | 8 | 2 | 0 |
| 1 | A2080.02M | A/EI | 4d | 6d | | |
| 2 | A5800.02M | AWG | | 6d | | |
| 3 | B1150.01 | B.C. | 4d | 6d | | |
| 4 | B1200.01M | BC/BC | 4d | | | |
| 5 | B7060.02M | B.T | 4d | | | |
| 6 | C3660.01M | CIC ^o L ^d | 4d | 6d | | |
| 7 | C5520.01M | C/of/A | 4d | | | |
| 8 | D2730.01M | D.L. | 4d | | | |
| 9 | E4960.02M | EW | 4d | | | |
| 10 | H0012.11 | H | 4d | | | |
| 11 | H5670.01 | H.P. | 4d | | | |
| 12 | I1510.01M | IL | | 6d | | |
| 13 | J6430.01 | J/R | | 6d | | |
| 14 | J7780.01M | J.T./&/J.T. | | 6d | | |
| 15 | K0011.02M | K | | | 1/3d | |
| 16 | L1960.01 | LE/UDC | 4d | | | |
| 17 | T1880.01 | TG/C ^o | 4d | | | |
| 18 | T4970.01 | T.W./C. | 4d | | | |
| 19 | T5110.02 | TWL | | 6d | | |
| 20 | W2040.02M | WD/&S | | | 1/3d | |

1966/08 900th Anniversary of the Battle of Hastings, issued 14th October 1966.

The set of eight stamps commemorating the Battle of Hastings, based on scenes from the Bayeux Tapestry, was designed by **David Gentleman**.

Quantities sold - combined ordinary and phosphor figures are shown above the stamps. The 6d phosphor was sold out in September 1966, and the rest were withdrawn 13th October 1967.

4d - 105,058,586 for all six designs.



5dies



3 dies



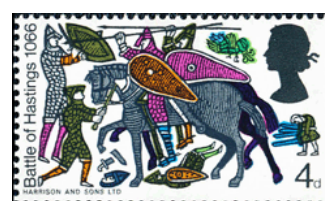
5 dies



4 dies



4 dies



4 dies

6d - 14,832,688



4 dies



1/3d - 7,367,706

0 dies

The following table lists the number of *all known G.B. Perfin dies* found on the *Battle of Hastings issue*, and is correct to **1st January 2019**.

| | PS Cat No | Letters | 4d SG705 | 4d SG706 | 4d SG707 | 4d SG708 | 4d SG709 | 4d SG710 | 6d SG711 | 1/3d SG712 |
|--------------|--------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| 17 DD | << Totals >> | 29 DDF | 5 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| 1 | C0011.04M | C | | | | | 4d | | | |
| 2 | C3660.01M | CIC ^o L ^d | | 4d | | | 4d | 4d | 6d | |
| 3 | C6760.03M | CS | 4d | 4d | 4d | 4d | | | | |
| 4 | C6900.01M | CS/C ^o | | | | | | | 6d | |
| 5 | D0580.01 | D.C. | | | 4d | 4d | 4d | 4d | | |
| 6 | E4170.01 | ES/&/AR | 4d | | | | | | | |
| 7 | G0780.01M | G.C. | | | | | | 4d | | |
| 8 | J3190.01 | J.G.N | | 4d | | | | | | |
| 9 | K1420.01M | KN/Ltd | | | | | | | 6d | |
| 10 | L1960.01 | LE/UDC | 4d | | | | | | | |
| 11 | M5850.01 | MV/C ^o . | | | | 4d | | | | |
| 12 | M6030.01M | MW/C ^o . | | | 4d | | | | | |
| 13 | R0012.10M | R | 4d | | 4d | | | | | |
| 14 | S1810.03M | SCW/SL ^d | | | 4d | | | | | |
| 15 | T2470.01M | T.I.C. | | | | | | | 6d | |
| 16 | T3455.01 | T.N./L ^{td} .. | 4d | | | | | | | |
| 17 | U1170.01M | U.L | | | | 4d | 4d | 4d | | |

1966/09 Christmas (1966), issued 1st December 1966.

The stamps were the first to be issued by the GPO specifically to commemorate Christmas. The designs themselves were produced by two six year old children chosen from almost 5,000 entries in a Post Office competition.

The set of two stamps was designed by:

- *Miss T Shemza* (3d - King of the Orient).
- *J Berry* (1/6d - Snowman).

Quantities sold - combined ordinary and phosphor figures are shown above each stamp. The 3d phosphor had sold out by January 1967, with the rest being withdrawn from sale on the 30th November 1967.

3d - 174,092,160

1/6d - 10,866,240



8 dies



3 dies

The following table lists the number of *all known G.B. Perfin dies* found on the *Christmas 1966 issue*, and is correct to *1st January 2019*.

| | PS Cat No | Letters | 3d SG713 | 1/6d SG714 |
|--------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------|
| 10 DD | << Totals >> | 11 DDF | 8 | 3 |
| 1 | B6490.01M | BSA | 3d | |
| 2 | B7060.02M | B.T | 3d | |
| 3 | H0012.11 | H | 3d | |
| 4 | H1490.01 | H&C ^o . | 3d | |
| 5 | H4400.02M | H/L | | 1/6d |
| 6 | K0011.02M | K | | 1/6d |
| 7 | L0315.01 | LB/B | 3d | |
| 8 | O1410.01 | OO | 3d | |
| 9 | S2630.01 | SEP./S | 3d | |
| 10 | W8230.01M | W.W./&S. | 3d | 1/6d |

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